

**Town of Dixfield
Board of Selectmen
Monday, August 27, 2018
5:30 pm
Ludden Memorial Library**

**Selectmen: All Present
Norine Clarke, Norman Mitchell, Aaron Jamison, Montell Kennedy, Peter Holmon**

Town Manager: Dustin Starbuck

**Audience/Town Employees: Donald Lutick, Chief Scott Dennett, Chief Jeffery Howe,
Royal Swan, Ricky Davis, Randy Glover**

1 Call to Order: Pledge of Allegiance

2 Remembering Steve Brown

- **Remained standing after the pledge of allegiance for a minute in honor of Steve Brown, a friend, colleague and Town Manager of Carthage, ME who passed away at age 75.**

3 Agenda Adjustments: #20 on Accounts Payable Warrant #'s

4 Approval of Warrants and Payroll:

a Accounts Payable Warrant #'s: 12, 14, 16, 17, 19

- **Added #20**

b Payroll Warrant #'s: 11, 15, 18

c Water/Sewer Warrant #'s: 17

5 Department Head Reports:

a Fire Department:

Chief Scott Dennett gives an update on repairs to the ladder. There had been a delay within the last few weeks due to he gearbox. A new, updated gearbox has been supplied and should not have issues. The final touchups were done today. No information on the additional cost for the new gearbox but will update the board at a later date.

b Police Department:

Chief Jeffery Howe hands out a packet to the board members of a brief outline of arrests, convictions, dismissals, juvenile, etc. He states that in 2017 there were 42 adult arrests but back to normal this year of 2018 with less arrests. Have had one juvenile that has been an issue not only in the town of Dixfield but the neighboring towns. He went to a program to help clear his record going into adulthood. However, though he has completed the program, he continues to disrupt the area.

Mr. Mitchell asks for clarification on the number of arrests and trials/court. Mr. Chief Howe clarifies that some of the people have to go to court for more than one reason.

Mr. Chief Howe speaks to the board and audience about school starting back up officially on the 29th of August, a couple days away. He warns to slow down once school begins and to give yourselves extra time in the morning to get to where you need to go.

Mr. Chief Howe updates the progress of Officer Gerry Maccione. He has finished the first two weeks and has 4 months to go. Gerry is very enthusiastic!

Mr. Jamison asks for clarification on the paperwork from the last selectboard meeting.

Mr. Chief Howe apologizes for the error. The fiscal year is from July 1st, 2017 - June 30th, 2018. Plans to fix it.

Mr. Mitchell makes a comment of appreciation of Mr. Chief Howe's hard work.

c. Public Works:

Mr. Randy Glover updates the board on the progress of Hall Hill. It is going well and the under drain should be completed by the end of next week. Mr. Glover asks if he could tag along with him in the morning to get advice on the removal of some trees. T.M. Mr. Starbuck states he will do so. Mr. Glover asks if anyone has thought any further on where to place the Adirondack chair. Mr. Holmon states the tree near the town Moose in front of the historical society building is too big and suggests to have it replaced. Mr. Glover agrees and claims that the current tree is dead one side. Trimming it is out of the question. Mr. Mitchell asks if we could keep the old tree for a bit longer. Mr. Glover says it would be okay to do but not to keep it for too much longer. Mr. Holmon asks Mr. Glover if the Dixfield seal will be put on the back of the chair. Mr. Glover affirms.

Mrs. Clarke asks if there is any objection to the location of the chair and doing something about the tree. Removing the kiosk and replacing it with the chair. Also need to figure out how to pay for the new tree. Mr. Jamison doesn't like the suggested location. He feels it is too much in one location.

T.M. Mr. Starbuck agrees with Mrs. Clarke but also suggests the possibility between the library and the fire station.

Mr. Chief Dennett says that though the chair would fit there, the issue of snow would interfere in the winter months. Mr. Glover suggests the ball field but says the winter is an issue. Mr. Kennedy makes a motion to take kiosk out and replace it with the chair. Mr. Holmon seconds. (3-2). Mr. Mitchell asks if to keep the tree has been decided upon. Mr. Jamison says to get rid of tree and replace with a 6 ft. tree.

Mr. Royal Swan claims he has the perfect trees he had planted at his house. Perfect "Christmas Trees". Mr. Glover says he could try to put one in before the fall starts, before the ground frosts. Mrs. Clarke wonders about getting the chair put into place. Randy doesn't want to put his bigger projects on hold just to get the chair and tree situated but on his free time, he will do the best he can do.

6 Old Business:

a Cable Franchise Agreement - Update

- The Town Manager, Dustin Starbuck and Chair, Mrs. Norine Clarke will be meeting with Mia tomorrow. T.M. Mr. Starbuck will try to purpose changes in legislative.**

b Planning Board's proposed Shoreland Zoning Ordinance for the Town of Dixfield Dated November 6, 2018

- T.M. Mr. Starbuck says the Ordinance has been redrafted. He went through it and handed it back over to the Planning Board to review. Mr. Donald Lutick, Chair of the Planning Board comments that all should be set.

7 New Business:

a Remove Carlo Puiia and Linda DeRoehn from bank accounts and add Town Manager, Dustin Starbuck and Teresa Hemmingway.

- Agreed that Teresa Hemmingway does not need to be on the account.
- Mr. Jamison makes a motion to remove Carlo Puiia and Linda DeRoehn from bank accounts and add Town Manager, Dustin Starbuck. Mr. Holmon seconds. (5-0)

b Mason Corriveau's application for Recreation Committee

- Mr. Kennedy makes a motion to accept the application. Mr. Jamison seconds. (5-0)

c Donation Containers - Royal Swan

- Mr. Swan states the it's a business from New Hampshire. It is called Clothing Imperial. It would be a help to the solid waste facility. It consists of shoes and clothes. It's like a salvation army however this is a profit business. T.M. Mr. Starbuck said he went online, researched a bit and asked for additional information but has not heard back yet. Mr. Lutick states the Webb River School has been taking shoes and clothes to New Hampshire and sends the items overseas. Mr. Kennedy says that the containers would take away from the places and organizations that are already in place. Mr. Jamison suggests that these organizations should be advertised. Preacher**** - His only concern is the time pickup, who and when would there be someone to pick up the containers. Who would tend it?

d Location of Big Chair

- Already discussed

e Nine Dragons revitalization update

- Mr. Jamison says they're trying to get a committee to talked to Nine Dragons and would like to share ideas with them to help our towns, to make a difference. They want to improve worker capacity. They want to keep it from becoming stagnant. People are moving away because there is nothing here. A meeting will take place at Mexico Town Office downstairs, underneath at 6:00pm September 5th. Mrs. Clarke says that Nine Dragons are approachable.

8 Other Business: Linda DeRoehn's departure

- T.M. Mr. Starbuck announces that she will be resigning September 14th but is willing to help in the transition of the new employee.

9 Public Comment: N/A

10 Board Questions/Comments: N/A

11 Next Meeting: September 10, 2018 at 5:30 pm downstairs in the Ludden Memorial Library

**12 Executive Session: pursuant ro 1 MRS 405 (6) (A) to discuss Personnel Matters
Mr. Jamison makes a motion to go into Executive Session. Mr. Kennedy seconds. (5-0)**

12 Adjournment